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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: "POTENTIAL FOR ACCELERATED DEVELOP-
MENT OF NORTH SEA OIL AND GAS RESOURCES"

1. IN CONNECTION WITH THE SUBJECT REVIEW, GAO WISHES TO VISIT ADDRESSEE POST EARLY IN APRIL. EXACT DATES AND NAMES AND SECURITY CLEARANCES OF AUDITORS WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPTEL FROM GAO DIRECTOR EUROPEAN BRANCH.

2. SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION WITH EMBASSY AND WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE OFFICIALS NOTED IN PARS. 3 AND 4 BELOW INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOUING: A.) WHAT ROLE SHOULD AND/OR COULD THE USG PLAY IN ACCELERATING NORTH SEA DEVELOPMENT?; B.) COULD LEASING ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN HOST COUNTRIES AND MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS BE USED IN USG LEASES ON THE CONTINENTAL
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SHELF?; C.) UHAT LESSONS LEARNED ON SUCH THINGS AS ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS, TECHNOLOGY, SAFETY, ETC. COULD BE PASSED TO US FOR USE IN DEVELOPMENT OF CONTINENTAL SHELF FACILITIES.

3. VISITS IN UK WILL INCLUDE: BRITISH NATIONAL OIL CORPORATION, UK DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, WOOD-MCKENZIE,

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SCOTTISH NATIONAL COUNCIL, AND BRITISH PETROLEUM COMPANY.

4. IN ADDITION, GAO HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH HEAD-
QUARTERS OF AMOCO, MOBIL, ESSO, AND PHILLIPS TO TALK
WITH THEIR FIELD PERSONNEL.

5. GAO AWARE THAT CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND
PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE
AMBASSADOR; TO BE ARRANGED FOR BY THE EMBASSY; AND
EMBOFF TO ACCOMPANY, IF FEASIBLE.

6. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO COOPERATE WITH THE GAO IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES IN 4 FAM 930-934.
QUESTIONS AND PROBLEMS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE DEPART-
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